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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MODIFYING THE CONTENT OF
E-MAIL TRANSMISSIONS BASED ON CUSTOMIZATION SETTINGS

AMENDMENT CONCURRENT WITH APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the December 15, 2005 Final Rejection and is being filed concurrently with Applicant's Appeal Brief to rewrite dependent claims into independent form as permitted under 37 CFR 41.33 (a)(2). Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 with the Remarks beginning on page 10 of this Amendment.

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the attached Claim Amendments and following Remarks are courteously requested.

Please amend the subject patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:
 - receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message is complete;
 - checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting;
 - and
 - in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail message.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 - parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and
 - in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.
4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.

6. (currently amended) A method for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:

receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message is complete;

checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting;
and

in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting,
generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail message. ~~The method of Claim 1,~~ wherein said particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said automatically modifying modifies said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".

7. (original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said automatically modifying further modifies said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

8. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said modifying modifies said text to include a "cc:" list.

9. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said modifying modifies a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

10. (previously presented) A system for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:

a memory for storing program instructions and data;

a processor coupled to said memory for executing said program instructions; and

a user input device coupled to said processor for receiving user input, wherein

said program instructions include instructions for

receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message has been completed,

checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting, and

in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail message.

11. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said program instructions further comprise program instructions for:

parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and

in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.

12. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.

13. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

14. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.

15. (currently amended) A system for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:
a memory for storing program instructions and data;
a processor coupled to said memory for executing said program instructions; and
a user input device coupled to said processor for receiving user input, wherein
said program instructions include instructions for
receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message has been
completed,
checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer
modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected
customization setting, and
in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting,
generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail
message. ~~The system of Claim 10,~~ wherein said particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying modify said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".

16. (original) The system of Claim 15, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying further modify said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

17. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify said text to include a "cc:" list.

18. (original) The system of Claim 10, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

19. (previously presented) A computer program product comprising signal-bearing media containing program instructions for execution within a general purpose computer, wherein said program instructions comprise program instructions for:

receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message has been completed,

checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting, and

in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail message.

20. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said program instructions further comprise program instructions for:

parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and

in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.

21. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.

22. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

23. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.

24. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising signal-bearing media containing program instructions for execution within a general purpose computer, wherein said program instructions comprise program instructions for:

receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message has been completed,

checking customization settings to determine whether or not to offer modification of the text of the e-mail message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting, and

in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said e-mail message. ~~The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying modify said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".~~

25. (original) The computer program product of Claim 24, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying further modify said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

26. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify said text to include a "cc:" list.

27. (original) The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

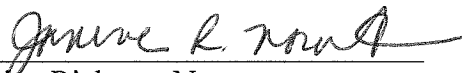
REMARKS

In the Final Rejection, Claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-23, 26 and 27 were finally rejected and are currently on appeal. Claims 6-7, 15-16 and 24-25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten the objected-to claims. Favorable withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-noted Final Rejection is requested.

If there are any additional fees incurred by this Amendment, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

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